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Title: Regarding bringing back dead bodies of those who die abroad.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): I want to draw the attention of the Government towards the fact that when Indians die in a foreign country especially in UAE, Air India is charging exorbitant bill for bringing the dead bodies. The Air India weigh the dead bodies and charge even Rs 50,000 per body. The Government of India is not extending any help for bringing bodies back. Even in countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh, the bodies of their citizens are brought by the government itself and the governments of these countries meet the entire expenses.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Home Affairs to take steps to bring the dead bodies of Indians free of cost.